

4Feb2021 American Legion Post 49 Combined-Meeting Minutes

Post Commander Jason Turner called the 4Feb2021 American Legion Post 49 Meeting to order at 1903 and conducted the opening ceremony using a Zoom link.

Order of business

Adjutant: “ Roll Call: **Cmdr. Jason Turner, 1st Vice Cmdr. John Barkley, 2nd Vice Cmdr Guy Cherry, Adjutant Tom Breen, Finance Officer Sean Russell, Sgt. at Arms and SAL Cmdr. Earl Lash, Chaplain, Service Officer Larry Girard, Service Officer Steve Hamilton, Historian to be appointed, Trustee Tom Dryer, Trustee Willie Reinhardt, Trustee Chuck Aubrey, Member Jim Addressi, Ordnance Officer Mike Andruch,**
Quorum (of at least 5 legion members) **present**

Meeting Minutes “19Jan2021 American Legion Post 49 Combined-Meeting Minutes” were distributed previously and approved as written.

Introduction of guests and prospective new members: None present

Committee reports

1. **Finance:** The entire Finance report was approved as summarized below.

- Special thank you to both the Sons and Auxiliary for their donations
- Account status for 4FebJan2021 \$95,661, including \$5,200.69 Bank CD and \$21,927 PPP draw 2 received.
- PPP first draw forgiveness was also approved for the full amount of \$21,927 by the Sturgis Bank.
- Quickbooks 2020 summary: Jan2020 -\$4,850.67, Feb2020 \$4,292.82, Mar2020 -\$8,775.42, Apr2020 -\$12,001.36, May2020 -\$10,521.76, June2020 -\$ 4,888.43, July2020 \$4,148.85, Aug2020 \$3,379.61, Sept2020 \$3,091.10 supported by \$5,000 grant, vs Sept2019 \$4,523.09, Oct2020 -\$1,065.82, Nov2020 -\$7,023.28, Dec2020 5,306.93, Jan2021 -8125.04
- District Dues are suspended for 2021
- Ongoing/current fixed costs approx \$7,000 per month (bldg/club management, unemployment insurance, utilities, club insurance, acct services, lawn or snow services)

2. **Adjutant - Membership.** Report approved as shown below:

- Achieved 80.59% membership versus target of 85%target. 13 currently in process, bringing us to 82.86% with several more starting in the. Several more are expected now that Post 49 has reopened.

3. **Service Officers** Monthly report out.

- Larry reported that we need to continue to use caution until vaccinated.
- Larry working with 2 veterans, one a member of Gary, Indiana local Post who is asking for 4 days of rental car payments and will be investigated further. The second is a Korean War veteran north of Breedsville in need of financial/other assistance to also be investigated further.
- Steve asked that up to \$500 be authorized for payment of his previous assistance support of 4 nights hotel stay, \$73 mobile phone payment, \$42.85 for tire repair. Payment was previously authorized for 50% of total but full amount now authorized in exchange for receipts while Steve continues to try and collect the other 50% from Kevin F. at local VFW.

4. **Club Facilities and Operations Committee**

- Winter hours 1200-2200 daily
- All who enter must use sign in sheet since we are subject to Health Dept audits.
- King of Diamonds resumed
- Calendar published for Feb,Mar.2021
- Mandy will not be returning. Chad out temporarily but will return.
- Meeting room furnace humidifier leaking reported by Ben (and fixed, verified after meeting.)
- Pull tab machine currently has 8 of 12 stations operating and Heather will be asked to get cost estimates for new machine, used machine and repair of old machine to make her recommendation. Chuck noted that current the machine has a history of problems and should probably be replaced .

5. **AL Events**

- Funeral Honor Guard events continue to be supported as required
- Commander Turner presented an appreciation plaque to Richland Meat Center 2Jan2021for their support of SAL Special Pork Chop dinner events to raise money for the South Haven Community Children's Christmas Fund. SAL

Commander Earl Lash commented that he was not aware of the presentation event and asked to be notified prior to similar events.

6. SAL Events

-SAL Adjutant Greg McCormack will present an appreciation award to Meijer 9Feb 2020 for their continued support of the Larry Carlson Memorial Senior Thanksgiving dinner.

-Val will also receive an appreciation award for supplying desserts/pies for SAL events.

7. Aux Events - None reported

Sick call - None reported

Unfinished business

New Business

- New American Legion Vision and Mission highlighted: The Vision: "The American Legion: Veterans Strengthening America". The Mission: "To enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, **our military**, and our communities by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

- Salute to Veterans first day event scheduled for 20Aug2021, with an 1800 ceremony at the Masonic Lodge. Flywheelers add-on event will not be planned for this year because of Covid restriction uncertainties.

- Nominations for AL Historian position solicited for recommendations to Commander Turner. Jim McCloughan was recommended and Larry will discuss the opportunity with Jim.

- A proposal was made, seconded and approved by a 7 to 3 vote to not impose additional outside smoking regulations that are more restrictive than current state/county/city laws require.

Communication & Donations How can we further demo our "devotion to mutual helpfulness" ?

- Present flag, related etiquette and 21gun salute to Glenn school. Earl will coordinate with the teaching staff.

- Plan event for local hospitals, similar to what was done last year for nursing homes.

Next meetings

- Membership Mtg 1900 4Mar2021

- Club Operations Comm 1530, Exec Comm Mtg 1600, Family Mtg 1745 after "King of Diamonds" drawing. All rescheduled for 25Feb2021

Memorial to a departed post member

- Mike Kenny passed away. Chuck also noted he was cremated & service expected Apr. or May @ Ft. Custer.

- Chuck recommended that we post picture of Mike at bar area similar to posting for other Commanders

For The Good of The American Legion.

- AL Membership and Exec. Com Mtg minutes posted on website (meeting minutes tab).

- Significant events posted on AL website homepage. Event calendar updated on regular basis.

- Next up holidays:

Black History Month Feb., Four Chaplains Day Feb.3, Valentine's Day Feb.14, President's Day Feb.15, Coast Guard Reserve Birthday Feb.19, Navy Reserve Birthday March 3, Daylight Saving Time March 14, K 9 Veterans Day March 13, American Legion Birthday March 15, St. Patrick's Day March 17, Medal of Honor Day March 25, Passover March 27 to April 4, 2021, Vietnam War Veterans Day March 29

- Post 49 American Legionnaire of the Year award scheduled for 4Mar2021

- The Grayling AL supports military personnel who are going on active duty with supplies and is greatly appreciated.

- Hap Kneeland's daughter and family may consider making a further donation in his name. A brick, bench and other ideas will be discussed with the family for their consideration.

Post commander Jason Turner conducted the closing ceremony and declared meeting adjourned at 2025

Respectfully,

John Barkley for

Tom Breen, Adjutant

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